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c1 ~~Sub a1~~ 1. (FOURTH AMENDMENT) In a non-detachable press fit arrangement between an end portion of a metal pipe and a socket of a fitting, with the socket defining an interior space and being formed with an annular anchoring groove facing the interior space for receiving a sealing ring, said press fit arrangement comprising at least one holding element resiliently secured to the socket in a receiving groove and cold formed together with the socket, said holding element has a material penetrating component formed by a plurality of cutting arcuate projections pointing in the direction of the anchoring groove, and wherein the annular anchoring groove is located in front of and separate from the receiving groove relative to the pipe end.

c2 ~~Sub a1~~ 22. (NEW) The press fit arrangement of Claim 1, wherein the interior space of the socket includes a shoulder, which limits the amount of insertion of the pipe end, and the anchoring groove is between the shoulder and the receiving groove and spaced from the shoulder.